

Afternoon Tea.

Mrs. Tewsley's little tea was a very cheery affair, the guest of honour being Mrs. McCosh Clarke, from Auckland. It was a cold, wet day, but it did not deter people from coming, and once inside everything was warm and cosy. The tea table was done in a delightfully novel fashion. The black polished oak was shewn to perfection by the absence of a tablecloth, and reflected clearly the silver and crystal vases with their sprays of pink camellias. The hostess wore a Princess gown of pastel cashmere de soie with a net collar; Miss Tewsley was in eolienne en Princesse; and Mrs. McCosh Clarke had a smart gown of Liberty satin cloth and toque with tips.

OPHELIA.

CAMBRIDGE.

June 25.

Babies' Birthday Party.

A babies' birthday party was given by Mrs. C. C. Buckland on Monday afternoon for her two-year-old son. It was a pretty sight to see all the mites playing games and enjoying themselves generally. Mrs. Buckland was wearing a navy blue silk with creme lace yoke and sleeves outlined with pale green velvet; Mrs. F. Ross, wearing brown coat and skirt and brown hat, trimmed with mauve, and her two children, Gwen and John; Mrs. Crowther, green coat and skirt and mauve hat, and her two little girls; Mrs. Cowper, wearing grey tweed coat and skirt and amethyst hat, trimmed with silk to match, and her little girl, Joan; Mrs. C. Peake, wearing brown coat and skirt, and brown hat, with little Fanny; Mrs. A. H. Nicoll, wearing long tweed coat and skirt, and a "Burrberry" tweed hat, with her little boy, Warrick; Mrs. Shortt, wearing a navy blue coat and skirt, and hat to match, and her little girl; Mrs. Norman Banks, wearing a tweed coat and skirt and pink hat, and her three children, Douglas, Thelma and the wee baby.

After the Wedding.

On Thursday evening, after the wedding of Miss Payne and Mr. Sefton Banks, Mrs. Banks entertained a few young people out at "Gwynelands" at an impromptu dance. One of the drawing-rooms was cleared for dancing, and the other was used for the lookers-on; supper was laid in the dining-room. Mrs. Banks was wearing a black chiffon taffeta, trimmed with jetted net and silk lace insertion; Miss Banks, creme evening dress; Mrs. Payne, black satin with creme lace yoke; Mrs. Dore, black silk skirt, white silk blouse; Miss Dore, creme evening dress; Mrs. McCaw (Matamata), creme gown; Mrs. Norman Banks, reseda green taffeta, trimmed with velvet, and creme lace yoke; Mrs. Nelson Banks, creme silk; Miss Roberts, pale pink muslin, trimmed with silk lace insertion; Miss Williams, white silk; Miss Richardson, black chiffon taffeta frock, white tucked net yoke; Miss B. Taylor, creme silk frock; Myra Taylor, white muslin frock; Miss Pickering, black chiffon taffeta evening dress; Miss N. Pickering, white muslin; Miss Cussen, creme frock. Mrs. Dore and Mr. Warren sang several threes during the evening, the music being much appreciated.

ELSIE.

HAMILTON.

June 23.

Dance.

A very enjoyable dance for the young folks was given on Thursday last by Mrs. Harry Valder in the Oddfellows' Hall. The young guests, to the number of eighty, assembled in good time, and punctually at six the grand march commenced, turning into a polka in due time. This was followed by the Norwegian Dance, always so greatly enjoyed by the children. One could not help thinking what a pity these quaint old dances are so seldom seen. Quite a goodly number of older people came to assist the hostess in her task of entertaining the young folk. At 8 p.m. supper was served, forming a pleasant interlude, and concluding with the distribution of bon-bons, which caused a great deal of fun. Mrs. Valder received her young guests in brown silk, with Oriental trimming, and lovely berthe of Duchesse and Brussels lace, and apricot lace scarf. Among those assisting her were: Mrs. Valder, senr., in plum-coloured velvet; Mrs. Going, violet dress with sequined scarf to match; Mrs. Brewis, pretty cream dress; Mrs. Frazer-Hurst, dainty green satin, with net

sleeve and yoke, green scarf; Mrs. Cowie, black evening dress; Mrs. McDiarmid, green silk, trimmed with silk embroidery; Mrs. Heywood, black, with Paris coloured insertion; Miss Sander, dainty pink frock; Mrs. Creme, black silk; Mrs. Bennet, black and white silk; Mrs. Milneuk, pretty wine-coloured silk; Mrs. Herbert, cream frock embroidered with green; Mrs. Coventry, cream; Mrs. Douglas, cream silk; Mrs. F. Jolly, black; Mrs. Whitehorn, cream silk; Miss Brewis, beautifully embroidered Empire dress; Miss Newell, cream; Miss Quetch, pale blue; Miss Furze, cream. Miss N. Furze, pale blue with white insertion; Miss Eileen Purvis, white; Miss Vera Mitchell, white; Miss G. Tompkins, pale blue; Miss Gladys Stevens, white silk; Misses Primrose, in white; Miss Elsie Tylden, pretty mauve frock; Miss Bosworth, prettily embroidered chiton dress; Miss H. Chitty, pale blue; Miss Stewart, pretty mauve frock, with touches of green. Most of the children wore dainty white or cream frocks. Mollie Valder wore blue silk, finished with Indian lace and tiny pink rosettes; Norah Valder looked sweet in pink, white shoes with pink bows and silver buckles. A few of the others there were: Misses Douglas (3), Hilda Salmon, Sybil Sainsbury, Mona Tompkins, Kathleen Mulcock, Helen Heywood, Rita Smith, Margaret and K. Cowie, Violet Varney, Irene Collier, Coe (2), Carter (2), Daris Shaw, Sheila McLeod, Alison Coventry, Jolly (3), M. Whitten, Zoe Provis, Elsie and Hazel Jackson, Marion Whitehorn; Masters Brewis, Douglas, Mulcock (2), Frazer-Hurst, Tompkins, Coventry, Jolly.

Farewell Tea.

A farewell afternoon tea was given to Mrs. Allen Bell on Wednesday last, at the Kia Ora Tea-rooms, by the committee of the Hamilton Horticultural Society, and that of last year. During the afternoon the ready services Mrs. Bell had always rendered, in her genial manner, and of the great assistance she had given in furthering the aims of the society. He trusted that upon her return to the Homeland they would again have the benefit of her services. On behalf of the committee, he would ask the acceptance of a slight token of their regard, and hoped the deck chair would add to her comfort on the voyage, and serve as a reminder of them all. Mrs. Bell, in a short but happy little speech, thanked her fellow-workers, and said she trusted to be able to gain many hints from larger shows of a similar kind at Home, where she intended to make notes of anything likely to be helpful, and which she would certainly lay before them upon her return.

Euchre Party.

Mr. and Mrs. C. L. MacDiarmid gave a most enjoyable progressive euchre party to a number of their friends in the Oddfellows' Hall on Tuesday evening. Booth's band played selections during the evening. The hall was prettily decorated, and the light was very nice, the lamps all covered with red silk shades, and the same on the candles on the supper table. There were twenty-two tables, Mrs. Brewer being the lucky winner of the first prize and Mrs. McLeod the winner of the second. Mr. Kemp won the first gentleman's prize and Mr. E. Luxford the second prize. Mrs. MacDiarmid received her guests in a handsome green glace silk gown, prettily trimmed with lace. She was assisted by her sister (Miss Graham), who wore a very pretty pale pink silk evening gown; Mrs. Graham, black broaded satin gown; Mrs. Ward, looked dainty in pale pink silk; Mrs. Gillies wore a handsome Pompadour silk evening gown with touches of emerald green velvet; Mrs. W. H. Hume, pretty black and white evening frock; Mrs. B. Hume, effective gown of white silk, handsomely trimmed with passementerie; Mrs. Brewis, crushed strawberry silk voile gown; Mrs. Hopkins, white silk evening dress; Mrs. Kemp, cream silk blouse, black silk skirt; Mrs. Bennett, black silk evening dress; Mrs. McLeod, pretty cinnamon brown glace silk evening gown; Mrs. Muir, stylish broaded silk evening frock; Mrs. Stevens, brown silk frock; Mrs. F. E. Smith, pretty white silk evening gown; Miss Newell, cream Empire gown; Miss Wallmitt, pale blue silk evening dress; Miss Primrose, white silk; Miss Laura Cussen, pretty pink silk evening dress; Miss M. Cussen, all white; Miss Carey, cream; Miss M. Carey, white silk; Miss McCallum, black silk; Miss J. McCallum, pink; Miss Bond, pretty white net gown; Miss Chitty, black silk; Miss R. Chitty, pale blue silk frock; Miss Furze, white evening frock.

ZILLAH.

THAMES.

June 25.

A Concert.

The Thames Ladies' Musical Society gave their final concert in the Oddfellows' Hall on Tuesday, 14th June, and many were the regrets that it was the last, as the concert of the Society have been most eagerly looked forward to, not only for their educational value, but for the really good talent which they have brought out. Mr. Leo Whittaker, A.T. C.L. and L.A.B., who formed and conducted the society, is taking over Mr. S. K. Phillips' musical practice in Auckland, which has necessitated his giving up the conductorship, and his departure will be sincerely regretted by the music-loving public of Thames, as he has done a great deal to advance a taste for the best in music.

The programme was a charming one throughout, the part songs being delightfully rendered, the two most appreciated by the audience being "Orpheus with his Lute" (German) and "The Spinning Chorus" from Wagner's "Flying Dutchman," the latter being delightfully crisp, Miss E. Read taking the solo. Miss Murphy's solo, "A Summer Night," was a fine item, Miss Whittaker playing the cello obligato tastefully. Another enjoyable item was the duet "Spring-time," by Misses Price and Gibbons. Mr. A. Gordon played two violin solos, and received emphatic encores. Mr. Leo Whittaker played most artistically Chamade's "Autonne," and as an encore Schumann's "Night Vision," both items being enthusiastically applauded.

The stage was arranged as a drawing-room, the effect on entering the hall satisfying the most fastidious. Pots of beautiful maidenhair fern and pink and red camellias looked very tasteful against the rich drapings of strawberry and green Roman satin. Amongst the audience I noticed: Mesdames Belford, Whittaker, O'Callaghan, Crease, Dodd, A. Price, McJaren, Court, W. Baker, Whitehouse, Nicholls, Lowe, W. Smith, Misses Gibbons, Fremlin, Banks, McLaren, Hudson, Frazer, Baker, Whitehouse, Read, Whittaker, Wilkes, McGregor, Hirst, E. O'Callaghan, Belford, Lowe, Stewart, Wilson, Edwards, Morton, Thompson, McDermott, and many others.

TAUMARUNUI.

June 25.

Skating Carnival.

The carnival took place on Wednesday night, and was an immense success. There was a large attendance, the following being amongst those present:— Mrs. O'Connor (senr.), Black Diamonds; Mrs. O'Connor (jun.), O'Connor and Fuller poster; Miss E. Stevenson, Woodland nymph; Miss M. Shrevesbury, poster dress Edison's Phonograph; Miss G. Sinclair, Postcards; Miss O. Sampson, a Midnight Alarm; Mr. F. O'Connor, Turk; Mr. A. McIntyre, Topsy; Mr. A. Smith, Burglar; Mr. W. Stevenson, Blacksmith; Mr. A. Reid, Footballer; Mr. W. Collett, Footballer; Mr. H. Biches, Volunteer; Master A. Broad, Nigger. Mrs. O'Connor's poster dress was well carried out, and was composed of different coloured shavings. A small chair decorated each shoulder, and on her head was worn a hat to represent a gate-post. The audience (by means of voting papers) were asked to decide which was the best dressed lady and gentleman, and they chose Mr. and Mrs. O'Connor, Mr. Whittaker presenting the prizes. A few dances concluded the evening.

Tennis Social.

The first of the Cimbrella's was held in Gardiner's Hall on Thursday evening, and proved very enjoyable. Progressive euchre was played during the early part of the evening. The ladies' prize was won by Mrs. O'Connor and the gentlemen's by Mr. Mankivell. The prizes were presented by Mr. W. Dudley and Mr. Kenderline respectively. After supper, dancing was kept up till twelve o'clock. Excellent music was supplied by Mesdames Thompson and Cowper, Miss McNeish and Mr. Dewar.

Birthday Party.

Mrs. Hume gave a delightful little birthday party in honour of her little daughter Nellie's third birthday. Among the children present I noticed: Misses Nellie Hume, Edith Howard, May Sarah, and Masters Hume, Ophir, Sarah, Mervyn Sarah, Spencer Cowper, and Carlyle Beebe, and others.

MAVIS.

GISBORNE.

June 22.

Personal.

The Ven. Archdeacon Williams, who has been visiting Auckland, returned last week. Mr. Murray, formerly of Mangaweka, arrived in Gisborne on Tuesday last to take up the duties of teller at the

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